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celebrates her  
3rd birthday



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this month



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complete busy  
week of camps



# The Elba Clipper

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## New principal hired to lead New Brockton High School

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met for a special meeting Wednesday, June 27, at noon, and the hire of new principal for New Brockton High School was approved by board members.

This was the final meeting for superintendent Terry Weeks. He retired at the end of June, and new superintendent Kevin Killingsworth stepped into the role on July 1st.

In presenting personnel matters for the board to approve, Weeks noted that he and Killingsworth had worked closely together in selecting two administrative recommendations for the board to consider. Weeks said since these new administrators would be answering to Killingsworth as superintendent rather than him, he felt it important to make sure Mr. Killingsworth had a say in the matters as well.

Weeks said it was his recommendation, along with the recommendation of Killingsworth, to employ Alonzo Barkley as a probationary principal for New Brockton High School. He also recommended the employment of George Miller "Mil" Tatom as transportation supervisor for the school system, and this includes duties of facilities coordinator and safety coordinator.

These two matters and several other personnel recommendations were approved by the board during last Thursday's meeting.

The other personnel matters approved included

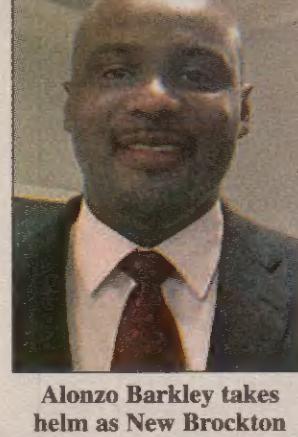
- Three certificated personnel resignations were accepted. Jon Cooper resigned as a high school teacher at Kinston; Rene' Donaldson resigned as a math teacher at Kinston; and Chris McVay resigned as an English language arts teacher at Zion Chapel.

- Four additional employees were approved. Anna Stanley was hired as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary; Taylor Hatcher was hired as a physical education teacher at New Brockton Elementary; Stephanie Clafford was hired as a science teacher at New Brockton High; and Emily Herbert was hired as an English language arts teacher at Zion Chapel.

In regards to classified personnel, Weeks recommended and the board approved the employment of Melissa Lindstrom as custodian at New Brockton Elementary.

The superintendent also made board members aware of several coaching changes that had transpired recently with the school system.

Jon Cooper, who resigned as a teacher at



Alonzo Barkley takes  
helm as New Brockton  
High School's principal

Kinston, also resigned his assignment of head football coach, athletic director, and assistant baseball coach for

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**THURSDAY EVENING STORMS LEAVE DAMAGE BEHIND...** A strong line of thunderstorms moved quickly into Coffee County and Elba last Thursday evening, June 28, and high winds reportedly knocked several trees down in the Elba area. Many residents were without power for several hours Thursday night due to the storm as well, and electric crews worked diligently to make necessary repairs and get power restored as soon as possible. Several areas in the City of Elba were affected but most customers had their electricity restored by midnight or shortly thereafter. The storms also caused some property damage from trees hitting houses to falling on vehicle (as shown above). The storms knocked this large tree down on an unoccupied truck parked in a resident's yard on Highway 87 N. (Troy Highway) in Elba.



**BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT OPENS IN ELBA...** *Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit* presented by Alabama Humanities Foundation made its long-awaited debut for Coffee County earlier this week at the National Security Conference Center in Elba. The exhibit displays 200 years of Alabama history and beyond. This impressive display blends artistic collages, interactive computer tablets and an audio medley of song and spoken word to tell the story of Alabama – from becoming a territory to achieving statehood. It also conveys a message of “Hope” in its presentation about the future. In April, the exhibit began its 19-month tour, traveling to all 67 of Alabama’s counties. Four exhibits have been built, and they will travel the state concurrently so that all counties will be able to experience this historic event in that time period. The exhibit will be in Coffee County at the National Security Conference Center from Wednesday, July 4, through Wednesday, July 25th. It will be open on Monday – Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Above, several Coffee County dignitaries and officials gathered for a ribbon cutting earlier this week marking the opening of the Bicentennial exhibit in Elba.

## City of Elba officials say FEMA flood buyout program of properties is showing progress

City of Elba officials said last week they had received unofficial contact regarding the FEMA property buyout program from the December 2015 flood that the Priority #1 (8 properties), Priority #2 (7 properties), and Priority #4 (10 properties) applications comprising a total of 25 properties have passed through the primary

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) review and are currently undergoing the final Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) Review, which is a positive development.

“We are hopeful these applications will be formally approved by FEMA in

September or October,” according to a press release from Mayor Mickey Murdock’s office.

The Priority #3 (10 properties) application was sent back to Elba last week requesting further information on one of the properties, but that needed information already has been collected and sent to the Alabama EMA to process and submit to FEMA. Therefore, Priority #3 should be in the final EHP Review phase soon, officials said.

The other eight (8) applications (Priorities #5 through #12) that are part of the overall project have been out of the City’s hands for several weeks and are in

various stages of review.

“The City of Elba appreciates the patience of the affected residents and property owners,” noted the press release. “With over 100 properties included, the project scope is complicated and the information required is immense, but we hope that much needed resolution will begin to occur soon to the affected areas.”

As part of the Bicentennial School Initiative, Elba City Schools’ assistant principal Jason Tucker, along with Elba Elementary teachers Pam Mitchell and Kelly Wilson recently had the opportunity to spend 3 1/2 days at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center in Andalusia, Ala.

The Elba representatives joined other Alabama educators amid 5,300 acres of forests, swamps, springs, and river footage.

While there they learned more about majestic longleaf pine and its important role in the state’s history. This professional development allowed them to participate in hands-on activities, field trips, and receive

numerous classroom resources that will equip them to engage Elba’s students and lead celebrations as Alabama’s 200th birthday is remembered this upcoming school year.

## Area Happenings

**THE DAV WIREGRASS CHAPTER 99**, located in New Brockton, Ala., will meet Thursday, July 26, at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton Senior Center. The group will be nominating officers for the upcoming year at the meeting. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT** will conduct its July Board meeting on Tuesday, July 10, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be at the Alabama Forestry Commission building, located at 1155 E. McKinnon, New Brockton, Ala.

**ALABAMA STATE FORESTER RICK OATES WILL BE SPEAKING** at The Enterprise Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness breakfast Friday, July 13, at 8 a.m. Oates’ topic of discussion will be the economic benefits of Alabama timberlands. The breakfast will be held at the Enterprise Farmers Market, located at 521 N. Main St., Enterprise.

## Leslie Hussey named Elba's new Police Chief

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, July 2, and made a decision on appointing the City’s next chief of police.

Upon the request of council member Rolanda Jones, the council entered a 40-minute executive session prior to Mayor Mickey Murdock making his recommendation for council members to affirm.

After reconvening from the executive session, the mayor recommended 35-year law enforcement veteran Leslie Hussey to take the helm as Elba’s police chief. A motion to affirm was made, and approved.

Rolanda Jones was the only council member to vote against the mayor’s recommendation.

Hussey has worked with two agencies his entire career – the Elba Police Department and the Coffee County Sheriff’s Department. He began with the Elba PD in 1983 and then worked as a deputy with the Coffee County Sheriff’s Department from 1985-1997 when he returned to the Elba Police Department.

He was serving as an investigator with the Elba areas.



Elba Police Chief

Leslie Hussey

Police Department at the time of his appointment to police chief on Monday night.

Hussey began his service as police chief Tuesday morning, July 3rd. He said he had a staff meeting called for 7 a.m. Tuesday morning, and he was ready to hit the ground running.

“I just look forward to the opportunity I have been given to serve the people of Elba as their chief of police,” Hussey said.

The next regular meeting for the Elba City Council will be Monday, July 9, at 5:30 p.m.

## Elba educators attend Bicentennial School Initiative program



Elba City Schools thanks Jason Tucker (Assistant Principal), Pam Mitchell (4th Grade ELA/Alabama History Teacher), and Kelly Wilson (3rd Grade ELA/Social Studies Teacher) for taking time out of their summer to participate in the Bicentennial School Initiative professional development workshop held at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center.

## NOTICE:

The Monday, July 9, Coffee County Commission Meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled regular meeting for the county commission now will be Monday, July 23, at 9 a.m., in New Brockton.



## PUTTING WRAPS ON THE MAP.

ALL-NEW SAVORY ROTISSERIE-STYLE CHICKEN CAESAR



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Our country is not the only thing to which we owe our allegiance. It is also owed to justice and to humanity. Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong." ~ James Bryce

A company in Finland is starting a Sing-along Shuttle taxi service that only accepts singing as payment. The emission-free rides are operated on electric cars. The shuttle service will begin operations at a festival running from July 6-8th. From there we don't know what will happen... if too many of the songbirds compare with yours truly, it will soon shut down! This may be a for real operation or a short time gimmick to promote the company, which is an energy giant that is real big in promoting the use of clean energy.

The shotgun killings in the Maryland newspaper office last week of course made headlines, probably around the world. There were the warning signs about the man arrested for the horrors, but jailing everyone who "might" be a danger to society would double the inmate count in the federal prisons and very quickly violate America's cherished freedoms. Also, the experts note that every time some nut does something like this, it motivates some other nut(s) to mimic the action and get their name in the headlines. They don't think far enough ahead to realize it means their death or many years of prison. We mourn with the families directly impacted by this shooting as we do with all the others but don't know how to put a stop to the mess. We also note that these nutty folks are turning to shotguns more and more often. It is suspected in this corner that they believe the characteristics of a shotgun blast make it more deadly than the much-maligned automatic rifle. This shift also puts a puzzled look on the face of those who advocate laws banning automatic rifles as they struggle to stop all these killings.

It did not surprise us when a reporter for the attacked newspaper responded to the question, "What are you going to do now" or something like that and he quickly said, "Get out a damn newspaper." Following one of the Elba floods a reporter from somewhere asked us, "Why we went ahead and published in spite of the flooding in our office?" After a brief pause she added, "And don't tell me it is because that is what you do." But this is what we do - just like that reporter in Maryland and even all these years later that is our dedication and we have no better answer.

Along with the killings in that newspaper office last week, we experienced the deaths of two more newspaper professionals - right here in Alabama. One, an editor, was involved in an automobile accident and died a couple of days later in spite of the heroic efforts of medical doctors. The other was a young man who openly fought depression on behalf of others for years, only to lose the battle himself. All the above events bring home the fact that our life, and those of our families, can be changed forever in a split second.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 25, investigated the following incidents: one attempting to elude, one violation of probation, three for theft of property, three for theft, one receiving stolen property, two for assault, one attempted assault, one breaking and entering a motor vehicle, one forgery, and one possession of marijuana.

Arrests made during the week included: one for attempting to elude, one for violation of probation, five for failure to appear, two for possession of marijuana, and one for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for a revoked driver's license,

and one for failure to display insurance.

**MONDAY, JUNE 25** - Domestic violence reported at 233 Dr. Roberts Dr. (4:31 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6901 Hwy. 189 (8:39 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, JUNE 26** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 24044 Hwy. 189 N (8:07 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3724 County Rd. 410 (9:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 722 Claxton Ave. N (10:57 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched for lift assist at 3120 County Rd. 239 (11:18 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1303 Reese Ave. (5:46 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6901 Hwy. 189 S (7:14 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, JUNE 28** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 389 Old Samson Rd. (11:07 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from County Rd. 353 (2:48 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck reported at  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from County Rd. 353 (2:54 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 777 Claxton Ave. (8:41 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, JUNE 29** - Burglary reported at 996 Hwy. 203 (5:09 a.m.).

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 335 Brunson Circle (2:38 p.m.); Report of shots fired near or on Garrett St. (8:24 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, JULY 1** - Haynes Rescue dispatched to Yelverton Ave. in front of the Riviera Motel (7:11 a.m.); Haynes Rescue dispatched to 609 Pinecove Dr. (8:09 p.m.).

Coffee County EMS dispatched to 77 County Rd. 103 (11:50 p.m.).

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Church of Christ, 715 North Troy Hwy (8:41 p.m.).

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Alabama Department of Public Health offers some recommendations to prevent infectious disease outbreaks at camp

Summer camps provide a great opportunity for children and teens alike to make lasting friendships, while being physically active and developing life-long skills.

Although the goal of summer camp is to keep children healthy and safe, it is not unlike school or day-care settings where children and staff can become sick if proper handwashing is not practiced. Often these camps provide children with the opportunity to participate in nature and water activities, which expose children to germs that thrive in these environments.

Within the past few weeks, three separate outbreaks at summer camps have been reported.

The most common ways in which illnesses can spread in these settings include food, water, animals, person-to-person, mosquitoes and ticks. These outbreaks are still under investigation, but diarrhea or vomiting has been reported as the primary symptom.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) would like to provide some basic control measures to campers

## Alabama tax amnesty application period open

The Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR) reminds taxpayers that the Alabama Tax Delinquency Amnesty Program of 2018, created by Act 2018-153, began taking applications on July 1.

The application period runs through Sept. 30, and eligible taxpayers can submit applications at [alabamataxamnesty.com](http://alabamataxamnesty.com).

The Alabama Tax Delinquency Amnesty Program applies to eligible taxes due before, or for tax periods that began before, Jan. 1, 2017. All applications must be submitted electronically through the Alabama tax amnesty website.

The website also provides all the information taxpayers may need on the program and answers to frequently asked questions.

The amnesty program

**Got Something To Sell??**  
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**Try The Classified Section of The Elba Clipper**

### NOTICE:

Coffee Count postponed the monthly audible weather siren test due to the 4th of July holiday. The test now will be conducted Wednesday, July 11, at noon.

### APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION 8

**ELBA**  
Housing Authority

1207 North Claxton Avenue • Elba, AL 36323  
(334) 897-2737 • [www.elbahousing.org](http://www.elbahousing.org)

The Elba Housing Authority does not discriminate because of race, color, national origin, sex, perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, religion, familial status, or disability. The Elba Housing Authority has handicapped accessible units.

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# Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

### GERALD RICHARD BAUER

Mr. Gerald Richard Bauer, age 71, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, June 25, 2018.



A Memorial Celebration of Life Service was held Thursday, June 28, 2018, from the Green Hill Presbyterian Church with Tim Oleksy officiating and Johnson Funeral Home of Georgiana, Ala. directing.

Survivors include his wife: Linda Bauer, Elba; sons: Bradley Hartwig, Troy, Ala., Dennis Hartwig, Oologah, Okla., and Richard Bauer, Huntsville, Ala.; daughter: Deborah Heide, Colorado; sisters: Mariann Cornwell, Florida, Joanie Ewing, Colorado, Barbara Pierson, Kathy Brantman, and Pam Pampala, all of Wisconsin; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### BETTY SUE JAMES

Mrs. Betty Sue James, age 62, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, June 30, 2018, at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 3, 2018 from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Brooklyn Church Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband: Jessie Ray James, Elba; daughters: Bobbie Jo Cauley and Crystal Parrish, both of Elba; son: Benjamin Layton, Elba; stepdaughter: Lacienda (Asa) Leverett, Elba; brothers: John Roland Cauley, Damascus, Billy Wayne Cauley and Luther Ray "Chuck" Cauley, both of Opp, Ala.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### JOAN ANDREWS MITCHELL

Mrs. Joan Andrews Mitchell, age 75, a native of New Brockton, Ala., died Saturday, June 23, 2018, in Bronx, NY, after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held June 30, 2018 at Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton.

Joan was born on Feb. 21, 1943 in New Brockton to the late Ridgeway and Thelma Andrews. She attended public school in New Brockton, left Alabama in her late teens.

Joan moved to New York City around 1970 and, shortly thereafter, met her

future husband, Prince Mitchell. The two married in December 1974.

For more information on taxpayer eligibility, eligible tax types, leniency terms, the application process, and more, visit [alabamataxamnesty.com](http://alabamataxamnesty.com) or email [amnesty@revenue.alabama.gov](mailto:amnesty@revenue.alabama.gov).

Memorial services were held June 30, 2018 at Southside Church of

She retired in the early 2000s, after spending over 25 years, with Immigration and Naturalization Services.

Joan was preceded in death by four sisters — Mary Lois, Audrey, Gracie, Mary Nell; two brothers — O.D. and Bob; along with two brothers-in-law — Melvin Butler Jr. and William Merritt. She also was preceded by her husband of 40 years, Prince, who died in 2015.

Survivors include her son: Michael Mitchell; sister: Qubie Rowe (Ulysses); mother-in-law: Sara Marie Mitchell Butler; three brothers-in-law: Jefferson Butler Sr. (Shirley), Ronald Butler Sr. (Esther), Eugene Butler (Teresa); two sisters-in-law: Sarah Butler Merritt and Juanita Andrews; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

### LILA COPELAND LEE

Ms. Lila Copeland Lee, age 69, of Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at her residence.

Funeral services were held June 30, 2018 at Greater Old Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Ozark, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Ms. Lee was born in Ozark on February 19, 1949 to the late Mr. Joseph Paul and Mrs. Cora Smith Copeland.

Lila was preceded in death by both parents, three brothers - Clifford, Carl, Colon, (Bubba), three sisters - Mildred, Kathleen (Kat), and Barbra (Bobby), and a niece - Natasha (Nikki) Byrd.

Survivors include a brother-in-law: Johnny Newby II, Daleville, Ala.; nephew and nieces: Roy Byrd, Dothan, Ala., Billy Byrd of Kansas, Johnny Byrd of Kentucky, Jeff Byrd, Enterprise, Barbara Fields, Birmingham, Ala., Danny (Jamie) Copeland, Daleville, Johny Newby, Arton, Ala., Shametrice Newby, Daz, Brundidge, Timothy Henderson Jr., Daleville, Angelica (Stephen) Cornett, Julia Cornett, Olivia Cornett, all of Enterprise, Joseph Newby, Biloxi, Miss., Acelia Byrd, Tyler, Christian, Payden, all of Birmingham, Whitney Newby, Mi'Kah Newby, Shane McLin of Daleville, Brittany Newby, Schofield, HI; plus a host of other relatives and friends.

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# LIFESTYLES

## Birthday Girl



Lennon Cowen celebrated her 3rd Birthday Tuesday, June 26th. She is the daughter of Clint and Sarah Cowen.

Lennon was treated to a party with family and friends on Sunday afternoon, July 1st, at the Elba Splash Pad and Tiger Town Park.

Lennon has two big brothers, Jackson and Shaw Martin.

Grandparents in Elba are Jeff and Sharon Cowen.

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### Kindergarten Jump Start set for July 25-26 at Elba Elementary

Elba Elementary School's Kindergarten Jump Start will be held July 25th-26th from 8:30-11 a.m.

All new kindergarten students for Elba City Schools are invited to come join the fun. By attending these two short days, the new kindergarten students will have

the opportunity to become familiar with faculty, friends, and the procedures of their new school before the older students arrive.

Parents that have yet to enroll a child in school, registration packets are available now in the elementary school office.

### Landmark Park presents Animal Adventures on upcoming Fridays

Every Friday through July 27th, Landmark Park in Dothan will present Animal Adventures, a special one-hour educational program which provides a unique opportunity to learn about the natural world.

Children ages 5 and older are encouraged to come with their families to see first-hand the wonder of native and exotic animals. Programs begin at 10 a.m. in the Park's Interpretive Center Auditorium. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for members and children 2 and under); online registration is required.

**PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE:**

#### JULY 6: FANTASTIC FISH AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

Ken Weathers, of the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Department will present a program about common sh. Not only will you get to see the fish that are naturally found in our local lakes and rivers, you will also be able to brush up on your fishing and casting techniques.

#### JULY 13: DOG TRAIN-

#### ING BASICS

Our four legged furry friends will be the star of this program as local canine specialist Renee Jones-Lewis, along with her canine teaching assistant, show visitors the correct way to interact with dogs. Park visitors will learn training tips they can easily use with their own family pets.

#### JULY 20: ALLIGATORS

Tim Ward, with the Alabama Department of Conservation, will present a program on one of South Alabama's most misunderstood creatures, the American Alligator.

A combination of slides, skins, and skulls—as well as a live alligator—will be used to illustrate and teach participants about the lifestyle and habitats of this unique animal.

#### JULY 27: HOMING PIGEONS

Homing Pigeons are incredible birds which have an innate homing ability that allows them to return from incredible distances to their nesting area.

Join John Ross Helms, member of the Wiregrass Racing Pigeon Club, as he shares his 30+ years of experience

Landmark Park is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. The park is located on U.S. Hwy 431 North, three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle. For more info, call 334-794-3452 or visit [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com).

### Stay connected in downtown Elba

Residents, visitors and students alike can now stay online while enjoying the outdoors in Elba's Main Street Community Space.

The initial Wi-Fi deployment is on the Clements Corner of Court Square, a premier gathering place and venue for resting, visiting, studying, and events.

Other public areas are being looked at to add to the program.

### Coffee County Farmers Federation meeting set for Tuesday night, July 10

The annual meeting of the Coffee County Farmers Federation will be Tuesday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room at the extension office complex in New Brockton.

Only one registration per membership for door prizes, and all members are encouraged to attend.

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Ryan Elisabeth Floyd graduated on May 21, 2018 from Stanhope Elmore High School in Millbrook, Alabama.

Ryan graduated #7 in her class while participating in the Honor's/Advanced Placement Program. She was an officer in the National Honor Society and a member in the Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, and Beta Club Honor Society. Ryan was also a member of the Jr. Civitan Club, Future Business Leaders of America and the Diamond

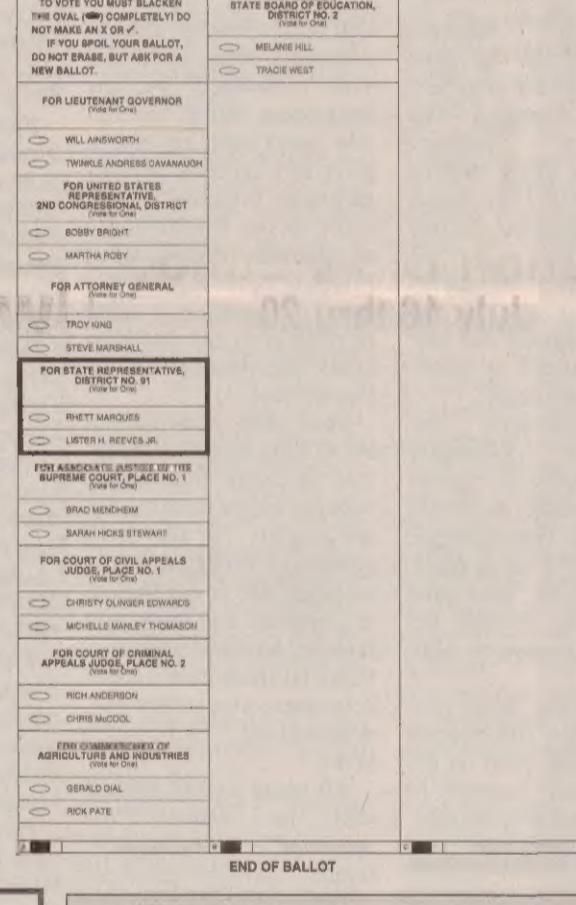


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Ryan is the great-granddaughter of the late R.D. and Lessie Harrison of Elba and the granddaughter of the late Gary Harrison also of Elba. She is the daughter of Heather Harrison Conner and Richard Conner of Millbrook, Alabama and Bob Floyd of Florence, Alabama.

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### Notice of Upcoming Coffee County Meetings

• Alabama State Forester Rick Oates will be speaking at The Enterprise Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness breakfast on July 13 at 8 am. Oates topic of discussion will be the economic benefits of Alabama timberlands. The breakfast will be held at the Enterprise Farmers Market located at 521 N. Main St. in Enterprise.

• The Coffee County Republican Club will meet Monday, July 9, at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise. Social time and ordering from the menu begins at 6 pm, and the program starts at 6:30. The guest speaker will be Congresswoman Martha Roby, who is running against Bobby Bright in the July 17 primary run-off election for the 2nd Congressional District Seat. Also speaking will be other run-off candidates. Everyone is invited. For more information, contact CCRC Chairman Ed Foy at 334-494-4663.

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## CHURCH NEWS



The Cavaliers Quartet

## Newbia Baptist Church announces July 28th concert by The Cavaliers

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Road 330, Elba, will host the Cavaliers Quartet in concert Saturday, July 28, at 6 p.m.

Free admission, but a love offering will be taken.

For more information, call Pastor Will Jordan at (334) 308-7510.

Everyone invited.

## Vacation Bible School set for July 16-20 at Haw Hill Assembly of God Church

Vacation Bible School will be held at Haw Hill Assembly of God Church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., July 16 through July 20th. The church is located on Hwy 125.



## Vacation Bible School

July 16 thru 20

6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Classes for Babies - Youth

## Kick-off Party is July 14, at 2:00 p.m.

Victoria Baptist Church

54 Co Rd 210, Jack, AL

## COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.

Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . .

6:00 p.m. . . . . .

## DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

## DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

## EATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

## BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

## BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

## BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

## BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

## BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

## BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

## CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST

Rev. Remonia Smith

Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

## CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

## ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## Homecoming at Chestnut Grove Methodist Church set for July 8th

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church plans to celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m. The Homecoming speak-

er will be Rev. Derek Snellgrove. Special music will be provided.

Lunch will follow the Homecoming service.

Everyone is invited.

## Harris Temple COGIC announces Vacation Bible School for July 12-14

Harris Temple COGIC will host Vacation Bible School on Thursday, July 12, through Saturday, July 14. Classes will be from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

## Homecoming set July 22nd at Damascus Baptist Church

Homecoming is planned for Sunday, July 22, at Damascus Baptist Church, located at 774 County Road 547, Elba, Ala.

This service will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The morning message will be provided by Bro. Steve Watson. The church Praise Teams, both young and old, will lead the special music.

Pastors and families will be honored as well as

former church leaders. This is to thank them for their service and faithfulness because they are a huge part of who the church is now!

There will be dinner on the grounds following the morning service, and no evening services.

Exciting things are going on at Damascus. Come be a part of this special day and a different kind of

Homecoming.

## VBS set for July 22-25 at Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church

Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church, located at 2988 County Road 514, Elba, Ala., will have Vacation Bible School on July 22nd-25th.

Bible Boot Camp VBS is for ages 4-17 and will be from 6-8 p.m. each night.

Come join the fun!

## Goodman Assembly of God plans Vacation Bible School for next week

Goodman Assembly of God Church will have its Vacation Bible School on Monday, July 9th thru Friday, July 13th, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Registration will be Saturday, July 7th, from 12:00 noon until 1 p.m.

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## Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Value of a Friend [Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Georgia Nelson, Helen Thigpen, John Earl Kelley, Rose Coleman, Harold Porter, Timothy Williams, Windy Wood, Relli Kelley, Donella Strickney

July 13-14 at 9:30 a.m. [each day] at the Mulberry Association building, located on Hwy. 84 West in Elba. Moderator is Dr. W.L. Peterson. President is Deacon W.C. Tillis. The theme for this 2-day session is "Building Strong Relationships in the Body of Christ" Ephesians 2:14

Question / Answer Session

Q/A for the Week of 6/28/18

Q: From the book of Numbers, compared with the "Son of Anak" Ten of the Israelites spies saw themselves as (ants), (vipers), or (grasshoppers)? A: The Israelites spies saw themselves as grasshoppers [read Numbers 13: 33]

Thought to Remember

Jesus is a Way Maker

Question for the Week of 7/5/18

Q: At the betrayal and arrest of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, Peter severed an ear of the High Priest servant. What was the servant's name?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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## Constraint Therapy helps keep cerebral palsy from sidelining Cate Capps

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A diagnosis of cerebral palsy for a child sounds like something that would be a nightmare for most parents, but it has been anything but that for Colby and Nichole Capps of Elba.

Their daughter, Cate, was diagnosed with cerebral palsy two weeks after celebrating her first birthday. She is age five now, and both Colby and Nichole will tell you that it does not bother Cate at all, and part of that is because she has been in therapy for so long.

"When we tell Cate's story, I always give Nichole all the credit because she noticed Cate not using her right hand when she was only like 4-6 weeks old," Colby said. "I kept thinking she was fine. She could do anything she wanted, but Nichole kept pushing and pushing with the doctors until they agreed and set us up with a physical therapist."

Nichole said when Cate began to crawl, she noticed that Cate would tuck her right arm and only use her wrist.

"At that point, it became more apparent there was an issue," Nichole said.

"Physical therapy immediately said yes there is an issue."

From there, the Capps were referred to a neurologist in Montgomery, and that is when they received the official diagnosis, only two weeks after Cate turned a year old.

Colby and Nichole said Cate's is a mild case, so, it is not as noticeable as some.

"Cate's stroke wasn't traumatic," Nichole said. "It had to have happened in utero, and we just did not know."

Nichole said one thing that has made their journey a positive one is that they have been blessed with exceptional therapists along the way and those therapists have helped guide them.

"They were put there by God. He was in it from the beginning," Nichole says with confidence.

She said the first therapist they had thought Cate would benefit from Constraint Therapy, and she referred them to Children's Hospital in Birmingham. That is where they met Dr. Paola Mendoza, who Colby and Nichole both refer to as another God-send for Cate.

"Dr. Mendoza said yes to Cate being a candidate for Constraint Therapy, and we had her evaluated for it at 16 months of age," Nichole said.

Colby said Nichole thought Cate was too young at 16 months to do constraint therapy, but the therapists knew better. The also noted the therapists Cate

had were all taught by the man who invented Constraint Therapy.

Cate was put on a waiting list after being identified as a candidate for Constraint Therapy, and she began the therapy in January 2015 after turning 2-years-old.

"We have definitely been blessed with out therapists and doctors all along the way," Colby said.

Nichole added that she believes part of it is being blessed with such a great community that rallies around them.

"And, we pray," she said.

"God opened doors and put people in our journey that have been a blessing to us."

Colby added, "We went from two people that knew absolutely nothing about what was going on. I remember sitting in the parking deck [at the hospital] in Montgomery going from saying your kid had a stroke before she was even born – I won't say your worst nightmare – but from that to putting yourself back together and saying okay what are we going to do next."

For Nichole, she said it was validation.

"I had been saying the whole time that something was not right," she said. "Cate is a stubborn child. She will find a way. She is resilient, and because she is the child she is, it was hard for others to see."

Colby said the cerebral palsy affects her quality of life, but it is not something that is going to get worse over time, and knowing that helped him as well.

"Going to Birmingham was the best thing we ever did," he said. "It's a 3-hour drive for us up there and they help any way they can. The way they take care of you is amazing."

Since beginning constraint therapy at age 2, Cate goes to Birmingham for two straight weeks each year for the therapy. To strengthen and force her to use her right arm, therapists constrain her stronger left arm in a cast for those two weeks. This forces her to use the right arm, improving her strength and coordination.

For constraint therapy to work, Cate has to attend therapy every day for those two weeks.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our grandson Lawson continued his 'wet and wild' summer* last week with a visit to the splash pad in Elba and said going to the pad is a lot more fun when his friends are there. I have yet to join him in a visit to the splash pad, but you bet I will before long and I will also get wet and join in the fun.

### For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The Elba Tigers had a busy week* with two seven-on-seven competitions last week and while new Elba head coach Pate Harrison made it clear he really didn't put too much emphasis on the summer competitions, he did make it clear that he was a little upset over the fact some of the players didn't put an emphasis on winning when they got a little hot and tired. Coach Harrison stated that the team would compete in everything it did for the rest of the summer and that losing would have consequences, which sounds like the time has come for the Tigers to grow teeth. Coach Harrison said the offense looked good at a camp in Elba and the defense continued to learn and improve, while he admitted that in a camp in Troy his team was a little out-matched at times as it competed against 7A foes. The fact there is no running at the competitions really gives the secondary a chance to get in lots of work, and with the change in defensive philosophy this season every little bit of work helps. Elba will compete in one more seven-on-seven event after a break and also has plans to host an opponent for a one-on-one type day of work. Talking with Coach Harrison gets me fired up about the upcoming football season and I am already ready to watch the Tigers in action.

\*\*\* *The summer All-Star season may be winding down*, but don't tell that to the players and coaches on the Coffee County Angels as they are making final preparation for this weekend's state tournament, in Troy. The All-Stars will compete against Zion Chapel for the right to advance to the Dixie Softball World Series, in Louisiana, and the girls from Elba and New Brockton have their sites set on making the trip. The tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, and all Coffee County fans need to head up to Troy and support these nine and ten-year-old girls.

\*\*\* *In closing....* thousands of people from all across South Alabama and the entire nation were saddened last week with the passing of Brantley's Alex Wilcox. The fact Alex was a high school softball standout and battled cancer late in her high school career and during her freshman year at Mississippi State made the announcement of her passing go nationwide, but locally her passing made all our hearts ache due to the fact she was such a beautiful person that always had a smile on her face and had such a positive outlook on life. She was truly an 'Angel' here on earth and has made Heaven an even brighter place. Here is a short excerpt from a poem entitled "God's Garden" that I feel is perfect for this special young lady...

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## Elba Tigers enjoy busy week at camps

The Elba Tigers had a busy week on the football field last week as they hosted a seven-on-seven camp on Wednesday and then traveled to Troy on Thursday to compete in the annual Wiregrass Seven-On-Seven tournament, at Troy University.

"I am not real crazy about seven-on-seven camps," stated Elba Tiger head coach Pate Harrison, "but it is good for the players to get reps at their positions in actual game type situations and since we are still learning a new system I guess last week was a valuable learning experience for all the players."

"We had a great day in the camp at Elba and won four of the five games we played," added Harrison, "while up at Troy we competed against 7A opponents, and while we held our own we were outmanned at times. We have installed a new defense from the one used here in the past couple of years and the camps helped the secondary get used to the new calls and helped it recognize formations and various coverages. The secondary did get better the more it was on the field and it was great for the players to get in the reps on the field against other players. At the camp in Elba every single player on the roster, both junior high and varsity, got the chance to play. Everyone didn't get in at Troy due to the level of competition, but the younger players learned by

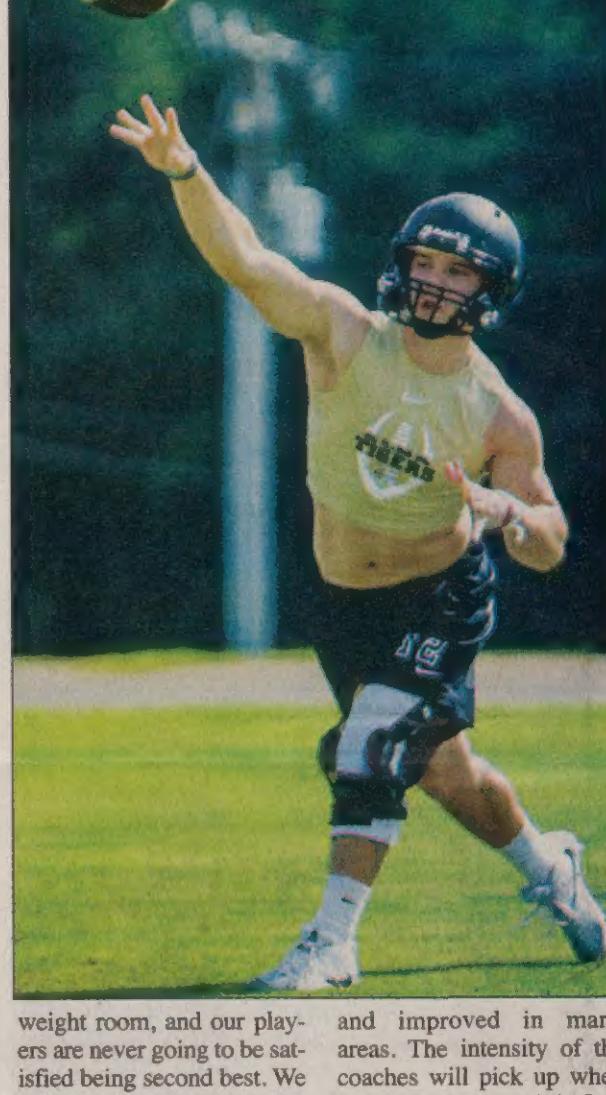
watching their peers."

"A lot of teams actually put in plays and formations just for seven-on-seven competition," said Coach Harrison, "but we didn't change anything and simply worked on the things we needed to work on. Everybody got on the field and on tape, and while playing so many younger players cost us the game we lost in Elba, it was more important for us to watch all our players in action."

"Our offense really looked good at the camp in Elba and scored a lot of points," added Harrison. "We ran very few formations and did basically what we did in the spring game as far as passing plays and formations go, but the players did a good job and several of the players really caught our eye. Up in Troy we were a little disappointed with the play of a couple of older players that have to step up and be leaders, but we let them let them know what their roles are on and off the field, and expect them to step up and assume their roles as summer workouts continue."

"We held competition for offensive and defensive linemen at the camp here in Elba," said Harrison, "and I thought it went well. The players worked on one-on-one and five-on-five pass rush drills, had a tug of war competition and all the players were very physical despite the fact they were in shorts. We spotted a few players that need a little extra work, but all in all our players got after it and looked good."

"I think one of the biggest things we learned at the camps was to always be competitive," said the first year Tiger coach. "In the game we lost at our camp it seemed like some of the players acted like it didn't really matter if we won or lost, and that isn't acceptable. In the future we are going to compete in everything we do, even in the



weight room, and our players are never going to be satisfied being second best. We are going to compete in the weight room, on the field when we run, and in drills. We want this team to adopt the mentality that it wants to win in all it does, and we are going to be winners."

Coach Harrison stated the team would get a 10-day break from practice for the July 4th holiday, and then get back to work.

"It is good to let the players get in a little vacation during the summer," said Harrison, "and the break should help them rest up and get ready for the long stretch that leads into the season. We have had a very good turnout in summer workouts and the players have shown a willingness to work and improve in all they do. We had a good month of June, and while we did share some of the players with baseball and basketball, we still worked hard

and improved in many areas. The intensity of the coaches will pick up when we get back to work in July due to the fact the summer is half over and we can actually point to a date that we will kick off the season. We will work hard on conditioning the week we get back due to sports week, but that doesn't mean the workouts will lose any intensity. The players are all ours now, and we have to make certain that when we pull on the pads in August we are ready to go."

"We have a calendar in the dressing room that has the first day in pads and the first game of the season circled," stated Harrison, "and to be ready for those dates we know we have to work hard and be prepared. We have a goal, and while it takes hard work to achieve that goal, we will never back down from hard work and plan on reaching that goal."

**PATE HARRISON**

### All-Stars set for state tournament

The Coffee County All-Stars will be looking to add the title "State Champion" to their resume this weekend when they compete at the Dixie Angels Traditional State Softball Tournament, at the Troy Sportsplex.

The tourney will be a two-team event between Coffee County and Zion Chapel, and will be played on Friday, July 6, at 7:30 pm, Saturday, July 7, at 11:00 am, with an if needed game set for Saturday at 8:00 pm.

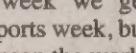
Dixie Softball divides its "Angels" division into Traditional and X-Play, with competition in both divisions. The divisions have minor rule differences and are intended to give all players of various skill levels the opportunity to compete in tournaments.

The Coffee County All-Stars include Leilani Perdue, Kimberlynn Tran, Kayleigh Richards, Megan Tindol, Kirstyn Ramirez, Gabriella Eubanks, Brooklyn Downing, Annastasia Caldwell, Ayrika Caldwell, Jadyne Caldwell, Alexuss Faulk, and Si'Nia Smedley. The team is coached by Joe Simmons, Ronnie Caldwell and Mitch Downing.

The winner will advance to the World Series.

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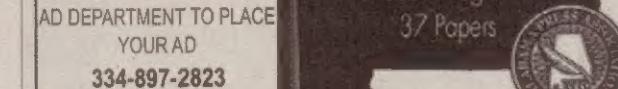
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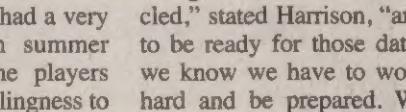
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